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SUBJECT: U.S. AIRLIFTS RELIEF AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN BRAZIL

ATTN: IBS, IPS

1. RECIFE, BRAZIL, JULY 26 -- THREE USAF CARGO PLANES LANDED HERE THIS

AFTERNOON LOADED WITH EMERGENCY SUPPLIES FOR FLOOD VICTIMS IN THIS NORTHEASTERN BRAZILIAN STATE. A FOURTH PLANE WITH MORE SUPPLIES IS BEING EXPECTED SUNDAY (JULY 27).

2. BESIDES THE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES SENT AT THE REQUEST OF U.S. CONSUL RICHARD BROWN, A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT ALSO BROUGHT IN MEDICINES DONATED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, JOHN HUGH CRIMMINS, PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON, ASSISTED U.S. AUTHORITIES IN THE ARRANGEMENTS.

3. THE C-130 HERCULES TOOK OFF FROM HOWARD AIR FORCE BASE, IN PANAMA, BRINGING LARGE QUANTITIES OF BED LINEN, BLANKETS AND COTS. THE MEDICINES SENT BY COMMERCIAL

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FLIGHT INCLUDED ANTIBIOTICS AND VITAMIN C. SUPPLIES AND

MEDICINES WERE HANDED OVER TO THE STATE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES, JOAQUIM FRANCISCO DE FREITAS CAVALCANTI, BY CONSUL BROWN DURING A BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE AIRPORT. BESIDES THE SECRETARY, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE WHOLE RELIEF EFFORT, STATE GOVERNOR JOSE FRANCISCO DE MOURA CAVALCANTI SENT HIS PRESS OFFICER FERNANDO MENZES, AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE OCCASION.

4. QUANTITIES AND TYPES OF SUPPLIES AND MEDICINES WERE SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE STATE OF PERNAMBUCO TO FACE THE PRESENT CALAMITY. THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION, THE AGENCY IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING ASSISTANCE TO THE FLOOD VICTIMS.

5. FROM THE FIRST MOMENTS OF THE DISASTER, THE U.S. CONSUL IN RECIFE REMAINED IN TOUCH WITH THE AUTHORITIES, CONFIRMING THE EXTENSION OF THE DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE FLOODS, AND LATER RECOMMENDING THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BRASILIA TO SOLICIT THE AID.
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